

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FIRE POLICY RELATED TO CAMPING ON CITY
PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023 council adopted ordinance 2023-04 and added Code Chapter 94, Regulation of Camps and Camping on Public Property; and

WHEREAS, Code Chapter 94 regulates camps and camping on public property and is subject to regulations on time, place, and manner; and

WHEREAS, Section 94.06(c)(8) prohibits the use of portable outdoor fireplaces, recreational fires, open burning and bonfires while camping on City property but does allow the use of some types of cooking stoves and other devices for keeping warm; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to promote the health and safety of people without homes who, while camping on city property, require a means to cook and to stay warm through the winter; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to establish policy related to the allowable use and types of cooking and warming devices on City property while camping; and

WHEREAS, the City's Fire Department has produced fire policy pursuant to Section 94.06(c)(8) which makes permissible certain cooking and heating equipment while camping on city property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy will limit acceptable uses to portable propane heaters, barbecue grills, or camping stoves and battery-operated heaters or similar devices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts Exhibit A: Fire Policy Related to Camping on City Property.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 28th day of August, 2023.

Jaime Zaik, Acting City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 28th day of August, 2023.

Malynda Wenzl, Mayor